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EDUCATION

École Normale Supérieure (ENS-PSL), Institut Jean Nicod <i>PhD Psychology</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Supervisor: Hugo MercierThesis: How do we infer other's competence?	<i>Expected graduation: Fall 2027</i> <i>Paris, FR</i>
École Normale Supérieure (ENS-PSL) <i>MA Cognitive Science — ENS Diploma</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Supervisor: Hugo MercierFinal Year Ranking: 1/78Thesis: One Feeling, Many Domains: The Consistent Appeal of Insight across Knowledge Areas and Modalities	2021 – 2024 <i>Paris, FR</i>
University of Princeton <i>Visiting Student Research Collaborator</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Supervisor: Alin Coman	Feb. 2023 – Jun. 2023 <i>Princeton, NJ, USA</i>
University of Cambridge <i>Visiting Research Student</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Supervisor: Lee de-Wit	Sep. 2022 – Jan. 2023 <i>Cambridge, UK</i>
Sciences Po Bordeaux <i>BA Political Studies</i>	2018 – 2021 <i>Bordeaux, FR</i>
University Paul Valéry <i>BA Philosophy</i>	2018 – 2021 <i>Montpellier, FR</i>

PUBLICATIONS

¹*first author*

Peer Reviewed Publications

- Mercier, M.¹, Garsmeur, A. & Mercier, H. (2025) The Appeal of Insight: Why Riddles and Whodunits Captivate Us. *Psychology of Aesthetics, Creativity, and the Arts*. Advance online publication.
- Mercier, M.¹, Dubourg, E. & Mercier, H. (2025) Insight-seeking is consistent across domains and distinct from other forms of curiosity. *Personality and Individual Differences*, 237, 113051.

Working Papers

- Dubourg, E., Thouzeau, V., ..., **Mercier, M.**, ..., Baumard, N. (2025). The Cognitive Foundations of Fictional Stories. (*Under review*)

PRESENTATIONS

Conferences

- In Search of Experts: Bayesian Inference of Knowledgeability from Minimal Cues** 2025
European Human Behaviour and Evolution Association EHBEA, Newcastle
- The Appeal of Insight: Why Riddles and Whodunits Captivate Us** 2025
Explaining Culture Conference, Paris

Invited Talks

- How do People Judge Competence from Minimal Cues?** 2025
Laboratoire de Neurosciences Cognitives et Computationnelles LNC² - Social Cognition Team, ENS-PSL

TEACHING

Courses

- Introduction to Experimental Psychology** | *PSL University* 2025 – 2026
- Sole Instructor, Undergraduate Course, 30h
- Human Behaviour Culture and Societies** | *École Normale Supérieure (ENS-PSL)* 2024 – 2025
- Teaching Assistant, Graduate Course
 - Taught with Nicolas Baumard & Jean-Baptiste André

Student internship supervision

3. Ruby De Lanerolle, *undergraduate* 2025
2. Nina Vivier Barte, *undergraduate* 2024 – 2025
1. Clementine Allais, *undergraduate* 2024 – 2025

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Data Scientist** 2023 – Present
Noèse
- Radio Columnist** 2021
La Grâce Matinale & Anachroniques
- Popular Science Writer** 2021
Phébé, Le Point
- Private Teacher** 2014 – 2021

SCIENCE OUTREACH

General Audience Talks

1. Interactive experience and game on psychological consequences of inequalities. **Nuit Européenne des Chercheurs**, Brest 2023